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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1. (original) A crawler frame for a construction machine having a center frame and right and left track frames disposed on the right and left sides of the center frame so as to extend in a back and forth direction,

wherein the center frame comprises a central frame section and legs for connecting the central frame section to the track frames, and the legs are formed from cast steel.

2. (original) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 1,

wherein the legs of the center frame have a tubular shape and the top faces of the legs are convex in cross-section.

3. (original) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 1,

wherein the legs of the center frame are in the shape of a cylindrical pipe having a circular cross-section.

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4. (amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to any one of claims 1 to 3 claim 1,

wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at the inner end of each leg and a joint flange section joined to a said track frame is provided at the outer end of the leg.

5. (original) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 4,

wherein the joint surfaces of the joint flange section at the inner end of the leg and the central frame section and/or the joint surfaces of the joint flange section at the outer end of the leg and the track frame are flat faces.

6. (original) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 4,

wherein the legs are respectively gently widened from the inner end to the outer end.

7. (new) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 2,

wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at the inner end of each leg and a joint flange section joined to a said track frame is provided at the

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outer end of the leg.

8. (new) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 3,

wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at the inner end of each leg and a joint flange section joined to a said track frame is provided at the outer end of the leg.